

Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2008
Lincoln, NE

Commissioners present: Kathy McKillip, Kathy Bradley, Bernadette Esposito, Barb Micek, Jolanda Junge-Kuzma, Betty Reeg, Jennifer Gutierrez (10:35 a.m.) and Anne Hobbs.

Government liaison/ Guest: none

Commissioners excused: John Nejad, and Teresa Maxwell.

Commissioners absent: Charlene Hirsh, Megan Lucas, Barb McPhillips

Open Meetings Law: Posted and Announced

Call to order: 10:36 a.m. by Chair Kathy McKillip

Notification of Public Notice: Public Notice of the NCSW Quarterly Meeting was posted electronically on the NCSW website.

Changes to Agenda: The NWF unable to attend today's meeting, so their update was removed. Approval of January minutes was added to the agenda.

MOTION to change agenda: By Commissioner Reeg to approve changes.

SECOND: Commissioner Bradley

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Group had discussion until quorum was reached at 10:35 a.m. Talked about storage rental, post office box.

Approval of January 25, 2008 Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed, and approved.

MOTION: By Commissioner Junge-Kuzma to approve the revised agenda.

SECOND: Commissioner Esposito

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Approval of Financial Report:

MOTION: By Commissioner Bradley

SECOND: Commissioner Micek

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Motion to approve the expenditure of \$100 in support of the Senator Informational Session.

MOTION: By Commissioner Junge-Kuzma to approve the expenditure of funds for jointly sponsored Senator Information Session.

SECOND: Commissioner Esposito

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

NCSW then turned its attention to the slate of officers for 2008-2009.

MOTION: By Commissioner Bradley to approve to amend the slate of officers to include Commissioner Junge –Kuzma as Treasurer.

SECOND: Commissioner Junge-Kuzma

Discussion: Commissioner Junge-Kuzma discussed her hesitation in putting her name forth.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Elections of Officers:

MOTION: By Commissioner Bradley to accept officers as named on the ballot.

SECOND: Commissioner Junge-Kuzma

Discussion: Because there was only one person listed for each position [Chair (McKillip), Treasurer (Junge-Kuzma) and Secretary (Hobbs)], a vote was taken viva voce.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Discussion: Commissioners discussed their personal and legal obligation as volunteers, and the future of the NCSW. Commissioner Gutierrez expressed her desire to resign her commission. She will send a letter to the Governor indicating her intent. We developed a plan to start resolving the difficulty facing us as volunteer commissioners trying to operate a state commission with no funding, no staff and no political support.

1. Chair McKillip will call the commissioners who have not attended a meeting in more than a year as well as those who have never attended.
2. The Commission will send a letter to the Governor requesting that those who have not been attending meetings be removed from the Commission.
3. Chair McKillip will meet with a Senator to discuss either putting us in the budget or completely take us out of Nebraska law.
4. We will meet again in July and request that a Senator(s) attend.

MOTION: By Bradley will request a formal legal opinion from the Nebraska Attorney General on who is ultimately responsible for NCSW's historical and financial records and other property [[if there are no commissioners]].

SECOND: Commissioner Junge-Kuzma

Discussion: Commissioner Hobbs will request the formal legal opinion from the Nebraska Attorney General on who is ultimately responsible for NCSW's historical and financial records and other property [[if there are no commissioners]]. Commissioner Hobbs will request a response by June 1, 2008. Anne will forward a draft letter and the response to the Commissioners.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: By Commissioner Micek to adjourn

SECOND: Commissioner Reeg

Discussion: The meeting adjourned at: 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hobbs
